On November 6, the Early Modern Center welcomes Deidre Lynch as the annual Bliss-Zimmerman Lecture keynote speaker. Professor Lynch will present a talk entitled “Pride and Prejudice by Numbers.” This paper on Jane Austen’s computational imagination highlights the arithmetic questions posed by Pride and Prejudice and considers how they register the nineteenth-century novel tradition’s shifting relationship to projects of social accounting and notions of social causation. Often as she relays the story of a singular, complex, unique character like the fascinating Elizabeth Bennet, Austen points simultaneously towards the statistical norms and means that would be derivable from a larger quantity of story-lines rendered in the aggregate. A reception will follow in the CRC.